

AODA ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNE 17, 2008
MINUTES

Present: Dennis Williams, Harlow Bielefeldt, Lee Wipfli, Susie Austin, Mike O'Brien, Lou Hernandez, Kathleen Books

Introduction of Members and Guests

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the May 20, 2008 meeting were approved as read.

Presentation: Carol Hanneman-Garuz, Addiction Resource Council

Carol Hanneman-Garuz of the Addiction Resource Council discussed current programs and services offered by the Council. She gave information on the Driver Safety Plan Assessments, Community Education Series, Getting Your Loved One Sober, Stop and Think Program and the Freedom from Smoking Program. She handed out information on these programs and a copy of the 2007 annual report.

She discussed some changes made to the Driver Safety Plan (DSP) Assessment and services offered by the Council. They noticed that even though legal penalties increase there is no change to the number of OWI offenses. The Council now has Bio Marker blood testing for third time offenders. It helps to detect relapses sooner and alter treatment recommendations. They also now require all DSP treatment referrals to have a discharge face to face exit interview at the Council before their DSP is completed. They hope to have oral drug screens available by July for all DSP assessment participants at the time of the assessment appointment.

Carol also discussed the changes they made to the Stop and Think Program and how they are now implementing a researched based program "Prime for Life". It is a Public Health model.

Discussion followed.

New Business

Mike O'Brien discussed the Citizen Member Report in this area. He states that he attended a meeting with Dan Vrakas and the County Executive says he would like to see continued funding for the Alcohol Court if possible, and that he would like to see a decrease in recidivism to the county jail. Mike suggests we connect with other community service programs and organizations. Susie Austin suggested putting a community coalition together. The group agreed to have one of the community organizations speak next month to the AODA Advisory Committee. Mike O'Brien volunteered to ask a member of SOPHIA speak about the services their organization provides in the community.

County AODA Staff Liaison Report

No report. Susan Andrews is on vacation.

Adjournment

Susie Austin made a motion seconded by Mike O'Brien to adjourn the meeting. The motion was voted on and passed.

Minutes recorded by Dawn Cagney

Approved on _____
Date